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Rotary St. Thomas II Works With EarlyAct Club to Create Merry Christmas for Seniors

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Early Act President De'Jahnique Morris, Rotarian Sinclair Wilkinson, Early Act Advisor, Librarian Merle Vanterpool and Chess Coach Kelvin Malone. By. The Rotary Club of St. Thomas II

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas II, through its New Generations Committee, worked with 12 third-graders at Lockhart Elementary School who are members of the Rotary II EarlyAct Club to make the holiday season more meaningful and happier for senior citizens at the Ebenezer Gardens Senior Residence, the rotary club made known over the weekend.

EarlyAct is a service club for elementary students ages 5-13 sponsored by Rotary St Thomas II at Lockhart Elementary School. The goal is to provide young students the opportunity to gain an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world around them and to learn to provide Service Above Self which is Rotary's motto, according to the release.

On Friday the youngsters at their December Early Act Meeting focused on bringing joy to the seniors at Ebenezer Gardens Senior residence by making colorful holiday cards filled with happy Christmas wishes for distribution to the seniors. The cards were distributed to the seniors yesterday on behalf of the students.

The New Generations Committee members prepared a healthy holiday lunch for the students which they enjoyed after their a regular monthly EarlyAct meeting, held under the watchful and caring eyes of their advisor, Librarian Merle Vanterpool. EarlyAct Meetings follow the pattern of Rotary meetings and include the recitation of the Four Way Test.

The EarlyAct Club expressed holiday gratitude for the special Christmas luncheon prepared by Rotarians Janice Hodge and Mittie Benham by presenting them with a fruit basket, according to the release.

The Club also presented thank you baskets and Christmas wishes to Rotarian Sinclair Wilkinson and their Chess Coach Mr. Kelvin Malone for working with them to learn and improve their skills in the game of chess throughout the year.

These young Lockhart Elementary students demonstrated how focusing on service above self, good fellowship, and continuous learning can be fun and personally satisfying - a good reminder for everyone.